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TO USLO PEKING IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - KOREA

FOR HABIB

FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REGARDING JAPANESE PRESS STORIES
THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB WILL VISIT PYONGYANG.

QUOTE:

QUESTION: HAVE YOU ANY COMMENT ON THE PRESS REPORT IN
JAPAN THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB WILL VISIT PYONGYANG
WHILE SECRETARY KISSINGER IS IN PEKING?

ANSWER: THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THESE SPECULATIVE REPORTS.
I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE STATEMENT BY THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IN TOKYO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA SUNDAY
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MORNING, THAT THE SECRETARY INFORMED THE MINISTER THAT

THE U.S. WOULD NOT CONDUCT ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA UNLESS SOUTH KOREA ALSO PARTICIPATES.

QUESTION. IS MR HABIB GOING TO SEOUL AFTER LEAVING PEKING?
ANSWER. I HAVE NO COMMENT AT THIS TIME. END QUOTE.
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